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In re Application of : DECISION ON SECOND
AMATO, Tony, et al. : REQUEST UNDER
U.S. Application No.: 10/534,124 : 37 CFR 1.497(d)
PCT No.: PCT/GB2003/004826 :
International Filing Date: 07 November 2003 :
Priority Date: 08 November 2002 :
Attorney's Docket No.: 745691-39 :
For: ULTRASOUND APPARATUS AND :
THE MANUFACTURE THEREOF :

This decision is in response to the "Renewed Request Under 37 CFR 1.497(d)" filed 20 April 2006 (and supplemented on 21 April 2006). No petition fee is required.

BACKGROUND

The procedural background for this application is set forth in detail in the decision mailed by this Office on 23 February 2006. In that decision, applicant's original request to add an inventor was dismissed without prejudice for failure to satisfy all the requirements of 37 CFR 1.497(d). Specifically, applicant had failed to provide the consent of the assignee.

On 20 April 2006, applicant filed the renewed petition considered herein (the renewed petition was supplemented with a copy of the relevant Assignment on 21 April 2006).

DISCUSSION

The renewed petition includes the consent of assignee Sonoco Limited to the addition of Michael John CRANE as an inventor herein. The consent is accompanied by a 'Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) and a copy of the Assignment, as required.

This submission, in combination with the previously filed materials, satisfies the requirements set forth in 37 CFR 1.497(d). Accordingly, the request to add Michael John CRANE as an inventor is appropriately granted.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's renewed request under 37 CFR 1.497(d) is **GRANTED**.

Michael John CRANE is added as an inventor herein.

Based on the addition of this inventor, the declaration submitted by applicants on 18 November 2005 is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office Of PCT Operations for further processing in accordance with this decision. The date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) is 18 November 2005.



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